GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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DUTY FREE MARKET ACCESS TO CERTAIN ITEMS FROM BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to allow duty free market access to 40 items under 16 categories from Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Bangladesh Government have requested for addition of some more items in the list;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (e) The Government of Bangladesh has been seeking duty free access on 191 tariff lines at six-digit HS level corresponding to 25 categories. During the Trade talks held at Commerce Secretary level between India and Bangladesh in Dhaka on April 8-10, 2002, the Indian side agreed to provide duty free access to 40 tariff lines at the six-digit Harmonised System (HS) level, corresponding to 10 categories of Bangladesh products, the details of which are annexed hereto. However, the actual notification of these 40 tariff lines would be done only after the Government of Bangladesh restores the land route for India`s cotton yarn exports.